

New Hampshire State Council on the Arts
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – January 15, 2020
Van McLeod Building Conference Room at 19 Pillsbury St. Concord, NH

Arts Councilors Present - Chair Dr. Roger Brooks, Sara Germain, Margaret Jacobs, William Stelling, Catherine Sununu, Cecilia Ulibarri, and Leah Woods

Arts Councilors Absent - Vivian Beer, Angela Brown, R.P. Hale, José Lezcano, Mary McLaughlin, Tim Sink, Jason Tors, and Peter Warburton

Staff Present - Department of Natural and Cultural Resources (DNCR) Commissioner Sarah Stewart; DNCR Arts Division Director Ginnie Lupi; Cassandra Mason, Chief Grants Officer (CGO); Julianne Gadoury, Arts Education Coordinator (AE); Kayla Schweitzer, Heritage and Traditional Arts Coordinator (HTA); Lisa Burk-McCoy, Creative Communities & Arts in Health Coordinator (CC/AH); Emily Killinger, Visual Arts Associate (VAA); and Carey Johnson, Curatorial Specialist (CS).

Staff Absent - None

Motions (carried)

- Accept the minutes of September 25, 2019 Council meeting
- Accept expenditure of up to \$60,000 for the Percent for Art project at the Merrimack County Superior Courthouse
- Approve Artist Entrepreneurial grant recommendations (\$5,720)

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Dr. Roger Brooks called the meeting of the New Hampshire State Council on the Arts to order at 9:52 a.m. on January 15, 2020. A quick round of introductions around the room occurred to introduce two newly appointed Councilors, Margaret Jacobs and Cecilia Ulibarri.

II. MINUTES

Chair Brooks called for a motion to accept the minutes from the September 25, 2019, meeting. Councilor Cathy Sununu moved to approve, seconded by Councilor William (Bill) Stelling. The minutes from September 25, 2019, were approved, with two abstentions from those not part of the Council at that time.

III. COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

DNCR Commissioner Sarah Stewart wished everyone a Happy New Year and discussed the new legislative year, during which the Department will be tracking several arts-related bills. On Wednesday February 5, DNCR will host the Governor and Executive Council for breakfast at the State Library prior to their regularly scheduled meeting. Commissioner Stewart was pleased to see the Governor highlighted the increase in Arts funding in his New Year's email to all state employees.

The Commissioner is working on a variety of other Departmental items, including HB660, relative to the state's trail system, and septic and train issues at Mt. Washington. She also discussed the use of Departmental Mooseplate funds for larger projects. Commissioner Stewart has reached out to the new Director of Travel & Tourism, Lori Harnois, to discuss future collaboration. She has also been working with the League of NH Craftsmen to help them secure a contract with Vail Resorts for the annual Craftsmen's Fair at Mount Sunapee.

IV. PERCENT FOR ART UPDATE & APPROVAL OF MERRIMACK COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT

CGO Cassandra Mason presented a memo and request to approve an expenditure of up to \$60,000 of the \$70,000 total budget for Percent for Art works at the Merrimack County Superior Court. Cassie presented a PowerPoint reviewing the artworks selected by the committee. Councilor Sara Germain moved to approve, seconded by Councilor Sununu. The expenditure of funds was unanimously approved.

CGO Mason then presented an update on a variety of projects from this past year, including the NH State Women's Prison, NH State Archives, Lakes Region Community College and Jenness Beach.

V. APPROVAL of ARTIST ENTREPRENEURIAL GRANTS (\$5,720)

NHSCA staff served as panel review for the third round of this grant category for FY20. Eight applications were received, the panel ranked them and recommended approval of six applications for a total of \$5,720 in funding. Two submissions did not meet the criteria.

Chair Brooks called for a motion to approve the Artist Entrepreneurial recommendations. There was no discussion and the Council unanimously approved.

- Moved: Councilor Leah Woods
- Second: Councilor Margaret Jacobs
- Nays: None
- Recusals: None

VI. STAFF REPORTS – Staff presented a review of 2019, highlighting some of the Division's accomplishments this past year. The presentation also included a look forward to 2020, and included a summary of the grant cycle process and timeline, with a summary of changes in the FY2021 cycle.

VII. ARTS COUNCIL VISIONING SESSION

Due to the limited time remaining it was determined that this portion of the meeting would be best postponed to the March 16 meeting.

VIII. COUNCILOR ROUND ROBIN

Councilors reported briefly on a variety of recent and upcoming arts activities.

IX. ADJOURN

- Motion to adjourn from the business meeting: Councilor Cecilia Ulibarri
- Second: Councilor Sununu
- Nays: None
- Recusals: None

Chair Brooks adjourned the meeting at 12:15 PM

2020 Council Meeting Dates (start time will be 9:30 AM, unless otherwise indicated):

- Monday, March 16 – location TBD
- Wednesday, May 20 – location TBD
- Monday, July 13 – location TBD
- Wednesday, September 16 – location TBD
- Monday, November 16 – location TBD